



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
September 7, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Jahn Dyvik, Mike Feldmann, Gina Joyce, and Deirdre Kvale

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Dyvik, seconded by Joyce, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Continue Discussion of Preliminary 2022 Budget and Levy

City Administrator Weske explained that the preliminary 2022 budget and levy need to be certified at the September 28, 2021 City Council meeting. Once certified, the levy can be decreased from the preliminary amount but it cannot be increased. The Council also needs to set the date for the annual Truth in Taxation hearing, which is usually held at the Council's first meeting in December. This timing allows time for residents and the Council to discuss the final levy and budget prior to final levy adoption at the Council's second meeting in December.

The Council discussed 2022 preliminary budget considerations, including an Police contract increase, the proposed tax levy, a potential budget surplus, staff salary adjustments, and allocating funding for street improvements.

Mayor Miner suggested starting with the levy as currently proposed, knowing it can be reduced from that point.

The Council discussed the proposed levy and a tax rate reduction.

Weske reviewed the next steps with upcoming meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pedestrian Improvements – Council members discussed pedestrian-friendly safety improvements that could be made at a number of areas, and agreed that pedestrian safety purchases should also be a 2022 budget consideration.

ADJOURN

Mayor Miner adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator